

**Farm Bill Program
Long-Term Contract Questionnaire**

**State Review Process
for Farm Bill Program Long-Term Contracts of \$150,000 or Greater**

Fiscal Year 2006

State Conservationists/Area Directors will review all Farm Bill Program long-term contracts of \$150,000, or greater (NRCS cost-share) that are submitted to the Regional Assistant Chief (RAC) for concurrence, and ensure that each contract is in compliance with all technical and programmatic requirements by completing and signing this submittal document for each application requesting RAC concurrence. Please use this evaluation form to document each contract being submitted for concurrence by the RAC.

Section 1.

This information is required for the RAC to access the application in ProTracts.

A. Applicant's Name: _____

B. State: _____

C. County or Parish the operating unit being offered is located: _____

D. Application Identification Number: _____

E. NRCS cost share total: _____

Section 2.

Please provide written response to each of the following issues.

- A. Will this proposed contract include cost share for any conservation practices considered to be innovative technology, including practices with State Interim Standards?

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

If yes, please describe:

- B. Will this proposed contract be a part of any organized watershed or other cooperative efforts that will result in significant cumulative environmental benefits which can be used for performance measurement and reporting for Congressional or public awareness? (i.e. part of a watershed that EQIP will provide significant treatment and restoration of designated uses)

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

If yes or no, please describe:

- C. Does the proposed contract include any controversial issues that the RAC needs to be aware of? (Political, social, environmental, etc.)

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

If yes, please describe:

- D. Does the proposed contract have potential for interest by a Congressional Member or staff?

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

If yes, please describe, explain why and list which Members:

- E. Because of the higher risk for public concern/criticism on these contracts, describe the additional scrutiny or reviews that this proposed contract received at the local and State levels:

- F. Do the conservation treatments and resulting environmental benefits of this proposed contract have impacts in an adjoining State(s)?

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

If yes, please describe the coordination efforts between the two states that ensure a consistent EQIP program is being delivered by both States:

- G. If the proposed contract includes cost share for implementing animal waste storage or treatment facility, please complete this section. If not, leave this section blank and proceed to letter H.

1. Has the CNMP already been developed?

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

If yes, please describe: _____

2. Does the contract address an entire system?

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

If yes, please describe: _____

3. If the CNMP has not been developed, please give the timeline in which it will be completed: _____

4. If the CNMP has not been developed, does this proposed contract include an incentive payment to have one developed?

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

If yes, please give amount of incentive payment(s) being made and a justification for the amount being paid: _____

H. Does this proposed contract address any of the National Conservation Priorities?

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

If yes, please describe which one(s) are addressed and how this contract will address them:

Section 3.

I have completed a review of this proposed contract, including review of all applicable signatures and documentation. I certify that all appropriate information is entered into ProTracts and is in full compliance with all of the technical, programmatic, and administrative requirements. I further certify that the proposed contract competed fairly and equitably in the policy Ranking Process and will treat the identified resource concerns that are the highest priority within my jurisdiction and/or associated State Technical Committee and Local Working Group area.

State Conservationist / Area Director Certification

Date

Section 4.

Based upon my review of the above documentation and the certification by the State Conservationist / Area Director, I concur in funding this contract with NRCS cost-share of \$150,000 or greater.

Regional Assistant Chief Concurrence

Date